

*City of Binghamton*  
*Mayor Richard C. David*



# **Executive Summary**

## **AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)**

### **1. Introduction**

This plan represents the fourth year of the City of Binghamton 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan. Many of the elements in this plan will be similar if not the same as the previous year's plan. No new goals have been identified. The City continues to look at the City as a whole in allocating its entitlements however certain areas represent concentrations of poverty that necessitate focusing HUD entitlement funds in those areas.

This plan shall work in tandem where possible and able with the Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2014 and available at <http://www.binghamton-ny.gov/blueprint-binghamton-comprehensive-plan> and draws from surveys done for that project as well as a residential market analysis available at <http://www.binghamton-ny.gov/residential-market-analysis>. An Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Plan was created in 2015 that identified additional measures the City may need to take to ensure fairness and equality for all of its residents

### **2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan**

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

This plan has seven goals based on the Consolidated Plan goals. These goals are to 1) increase home ownership rates, 2) reduce blight and beautify the city, 3) eliminate homelessness, 4) rebuild or modernize public infrastructure, 5) improve transportation and accessibility for all, 6) provide services for the underserved, and 7) revitalize the economy of Binghamton.

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Funding cuts across all grants have decreased the ability for the City and its grant sub-recipients to maintain previous levels of service quality. The City has encouraged higher owner occupancy through several programs that target LMI or elderly homeowners. Dozens of blighted buildings in the community have been removed. However, there is still much work that needs to be done. The continuation of homelessness, often in tangent with the heroin crisis, has been met with ESG funds as well as certain targeted CDBG service programs, however, more could be accomplished with higher funding levels.

#### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City has a Community Development Advisory Council made up of eleven appointees selected by the mayor and council members to act as the voice of the residents per the Citizen Participation Plan. This committee typically meets once to twice a month and meetings are open to the public. CDAC members are also encouraged to do local outreach in their neighborhoods to seek additional comments or suggestions. The CDAC provides recommendations on the Annual Action Plan and funding.

All Community Development announcements, including notifications for the public hearings, are emailed to a large mailing list of interested parties, non-profits, municipal agencies, and private citizens.

An initial public meeting was held on March 19, 2018 for opinions prior to creating the Annual Action Plan, however, only a handful of people attended and only one speaker voiced their opinion on funding needs and priorities for the community.

An second public meeting was held on May 7, 2018 for comments regarding the publically available Draft Annual Action Plan for FY44. Once again however, only a handful of people attended and only one speaker voiced their opinion on funding needs and priorities for the community.

In addition to these public comment periods, individuals could contact the City directly and relevant comments were passed onto the CDAC for their deliberations. All written public comments are included in the submitted Public Comments attachment.

#### **5. Summary of public comments**

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

March 19th Public Hearing Comment Summary

- Reduce HUD entitlement funds utilized for City staff salaries in order to free up more funds for service programs or direct LMI projects

May 7th Public Hearing Content Summary

- Increase notification to the public for public hearing
- Reduce HUD entitlement funds utilized for City staff salaries in order to free up more funds for service programs or direct LMI projects such as parks

#### **6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them**

All comments were taken into consideration. The percentage of City staff salary for this year's Plan has dropped from 43% in FY43 to 35% for CDBG funds. HOME salary expenses have dropped from 10% to 8%, and ESG salary expenses have dropped from 6% to 5% for the same years. Public hearing notifications are done via newspaper notification, online ads, flyers posted at various public facilities like senior centers and the Public Housing complexes, and the Community Development mailing list. Additional avenues for outreach are available, such as radio ads that have not been done yet.

## **7. Summary**

The goals listed herein represent a comprehensive city-wide effort to reshape the City for the better.

## PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

### 1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role		Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator		Binghamton	Department of Planning, Housing, and Comm Develop.
HOME Administrator		Binghamton	Department of Planning, Housing, and Comm Develop.
ESG Administrator		Binghamton	Department of Planning, Housing, and Comm Develop.

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

### Narrative (optional)

The Binghamton Department of Planning, Housing, and Community Development is the agency responsible for preparing the HUD entitlement individual Annual Action Plans. The Community Development division is responsible for administering the CDBG and ESG grants and the Housing division is responsible for administering HOME funds.

### Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)**

### **1. Introduction**

An initial public meeting was held on March 19, 2017 to hear local needs and concerns for the Annual Action Plan. Over one hundred agencies, from local social groups to municipal agencies to religious organizations, were contacted via email or phone. Individuals within the community who had expressed interest in being notified about HUD funding were also contacted. Unfortunately, only a small number of individuals/agencies showed up and only one speaker voiced an opinion. The second meeting on May 7th had similar turnout.

The City also created a contact email specifically for which stakeholders and residents could voice their concerns, and this email was included in the press release submitted at the time the draft Annual Action Plan was released for public review in order to maximize public feedback.

### **Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))**

The City works directly with three housing providers: First Ward Action Council, Opportunities for Broome, and Metro Interfaith. First Ward Action Council, amongst other activities, provides senior housing rehab services which is reimbursed through the CDBG program. In addition, First Ward is in the process of using HUD entitlement funds as well as further State grants to develop a scattered site LMI housing project in the city. Opportunities for Broome is an agency that works to better and empower the low income residents of the area and has been a CHDO for past projects. Metro Interfaith runs the Homeownership Academy that provides free financial and home purchase counseling for prospective home owners and helps coordinate with the Housing division for its own home purchase and rehabilitation program. All of these agencies run their own housing services for lower income households in various locations throughout the region. The Binghamton Housing Authority is a separate entity that administers the Section 8 Program and Public Housing in Binghamton.

Each Fall, the City releases RFPs seeking applications for the expenditures of the CDBG public service activity funds as well as ESG funds. Potential stakeholders are notified along with public advertising to maximize agencies that wish to become sub-recipients. The Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) helps oversee and award the remaining service and ESG funds prior to the Council's and Mayor's final decision on sub-recipient's funding allocations.

### **Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.**

The Grants Administrator is the ad-hoc City representative with the local Continuum of Care (CoC), the Homeless Coalition of the Southern Tier, as well as the CoC HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) Administrator. The Grants Administrator acts as a voting member of the CoC as a representative of the City and is a member of the NOFA and HMIS subcommittees. The Grants Administrator is also working with the CoC in incorporating the Coordinated Entry System, specifically by updating the ESG Written Standards to better reflect the HUD requirements and local needs as well as to create a more objective method of measuring performance.

**Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS**

The Grants Administrator works closely with the local Continuum of Care (CoC), the Homeless Coalition of the Southern Tier, as well as the CoC HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) Administrator. The Grants Administrator acts as a voting member of the CoC as a representative of the City and is a member of the NOFA and HMIS subcommittees. The Coordinator of the CoC presented to the CDAC in late winter to explain the area's homeless situation as well as to provide meaningful initial budget recommendations (the pre-sub-recipient funding levels). In the Fall, the CoC will also work hand in hand with the CDAC to prepare the RFPs for homeless agencies wishing to receive ESG funding as well as to make recommendations to the City as to which agencies should receive specific funding for their programs. This will run in tandem with the CoC's NOFA budget process.

**2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Coalition for the Homeless of the Southern Tier, NY Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Agency is the local Continuum of Care. Provided information and data regarding homeless needs in the area.

**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

Any agency may contact the City Community Development Department at any time for help or to submit ideas or even ask questions regarding the HUD Entitlement programs.

No business or civic leaders were contacted regarding a homeless strategy specifically because of the advanced organizational state of the local Continuum of Care.

The city reaches out to local stakeholders through two methods: an email list to specific stakeholders and for those affecting homelessness, the City Grants Administrator acts as a voting member and attends regular CoC meetings (NY-511) in which occur discussions regarding the local impacts and needs for homeless individuals in the area.

Relevant stakeholders contacted every year during the community hearing and feedback process include, but are not limited to:

Binghamton Housing Authority



Binghamton City School District

Broome County Department of Health

Broome County Department of Social Services

Broome County Law Department

Broome County Office for Aging

Broome County Re-entry Taskforce

Broome County Transit

Broome County Youth Bureau

Lourdes Hospital

Metro Interfaith

Southern Tier AIDS Program

The Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier

United Health Services

**Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan**

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	Homeless Coalition of the Southern Tier	The City receives ESG funds it then distributes to agencies that provide homeless services. All belong to the Homeless Coalition. The Homeless Coalition also provides client tracking information that the City can then utilize for its own plan and strategies. In many ways, the Homeless Coalition and the City are partners in implementing homeless prevention and reduction policies.
Blueprint Binghamton	City of Binghamton	Several projects and goals listed in the Blueprint Binghamton comprehensive plan were scheduled to be met with CDBG funds. In the years since the development of that plan, several of those goals have been met.

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative (optional)**

## **AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

### **1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

The City has a Community Development Advisory Council made up of appointees selected by the mayor and council members to act as the voice of the residents per the Citizen Participation Plan. This committee meets throughout the year to provide recommendations on the City's Consolidated and Annual Action Plans.

In addition, public meetings are held prior to adoption of the Annual Action Plan. One is held prior the release of the draft plan and another is held during the 30 day comment period to take in resident feedback.

In addition, the press release submitted during the 30 day comment period encouraged citizens to reply via email to a dedicated email address setup for all HUD based plans and actions in order to provide a better record of public feedback. This ad also included a web link for a digital copy of the draft plan to increase review.

### **Citizen Participation Outreach**

<b>Sort Order</b>	<b>Mode of Outreach</b>	<b>Target of Outreach</b>	<b>Summary of response/attendance</b>	<b>Summary of comments received</b>	<b>Summary of comments not accepted and reasons</b>	<b>URL (If applicable)</b>
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Roughly five to six individuals attended each.	Reduce City salaries from HUD programs.	None	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	The Community Development Advisory Council is made up of eleven appointed members that represent city residents. Meetings are open to the public. CDAC members are also encouraged to do local outreach in their neighborhoods to seek additional comments or suggestions.	All meetings are recorded and available to anyone who asks for a copy. When resources permit, meeting minutes are transcribed from the recordings. CDAC comments are taken into account by the Council and Mayor and the Grants Administrator acts as a liaison between the City and the members	Generally, all legitimate comments are reacted upon. In cases where official decisions must be made, a quorum vote plus one is required in order to give the CDAC a centralized voice on a course of action.	<a href="http://www.binghamton-ni.gov/community-development-advisory-committee-cdac">http://www.binghamton-ni.gov/community-development-advisory-committee-cdac</a>

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	All residents are encouraged to send comments to the Grants Administrator via phone or direct email. Alternately, they can email hudplan@cityofbinghamton.com. This email link is linked to the Grants Administrator and is used as the default email for public comments via email.	None received		

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

Entitlement funding from HUD has decreased steadily over the past few years with the exception of recent HOME increases. Currently, the city receives approximately \$2.25 million in overall entitlement amongst the three programs : CDBG, HOME, and ESG. With decreasing funds comes decreasing capability of delivering improvements and programs to the city. In addition, regulatory oversight limits the usage of these funds as many resources must be spent to meet HUD and other federal requirements, New York State, and even Broome County and other local requirements.

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,894,684	28,143	0	1,922,827	1,750,000	Numbers, including PI, based on last year's numbers as newest entitlement amount has not been provided.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	511,176	49,400	0	560,576	400,000	Numbers, including PI, based on last year's numbers as newest entitlement amount has not been provided.
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	154,562	0	0	154,562	150,000	Numbers based on last year's numbers as newest entitlement amount has not been provided.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

The City is exempt from the 25% match from HOME funds, however, the City of Binghamton could utilize past and current State level grant funds to match the amount. The City works with the Homeless Coalition to discuss its member's capacity to meet the matching 50% for ESG funds and the City meets its own small portion of its match through general fund expenses to cover additional relevant salary expenses.



**If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan**

The only City owned property that would be influenced by the needs within this plan would be park improvements and the potential demolition of properties acquired by the City for removal of blight. The future usage of cleared properties will be based on what CDBG eligible activities will best be served by reuse of the plots. The City's Vacant Property Officer is in charge of coordinating and cataloging vacant properties. This catalogue can then be utilized to determine a best course of action for areas that were previously blighted and have since become areas with vacant scattered lots. The City has begun a process of allowing neighboring homeowners the opportunity to purchase these lots for their own usage, and returning these proceeds as program income to the City's HUD programs. The City is also looking at selling properties for a nominal fee to be utilized by either LMI qualified homeowners, or non-profit agencies that predominately serve LMI clients for capital usage.

Two additional categories are planned for future usage of cleared properties. Properties could be turned into public green-space or mini parks in LMI areas. Similarly, cleared properties adjacent to a park that serves an LMI service area could be incorporated into the park space. Finally, if several adjoining properties are cleared, the properties could be redeveloped as part of an economic incubator project that will have the goal of either serving an LMI area or by creating LMI jobs.

Finally, once the City has a good index of vacant but not demolished properties, we can explore non-demolition rehabilitation of residential properties for either residential or commercial uses in order to revitalize targeted neighborhoods.

**Discussion**

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Increase Owner Occupied Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City of Binghamton	Homeownership	CDBG: \$418,000 HOME: \$360,576	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Households Assisted Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 76 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 10 Households Assisted
2	Blight Reduction	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	City of Binghamton	Blight Reduction	CDBG: \$434,237 HOME: \$200,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 21150 Households Assisted Rental units rehabilitated: 3 Household Housing Unit Buildings Demolished: 7 Buildings Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 1327 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Reduce/Prevent Homelessness	2015	2019	Homeless	City of Binghamton	Eliminate Homelessness	ESG: \$154,562	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 85 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 278 Persons Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 0 Beds Homelessness Prevention: 25 Persons Assisted
4	Improve Infrastructure	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Binghamton	Fix Public Utilities and Facilities	CDBG: \$206,500	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 21150 Households Assisted
5	Improve Transportation & Accessibility	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Binghamton	Improve Transportation	CDBG: \$172,500	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 160 Households Assisted
6	Provide Service Activities	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Binghamton	Services for the Underserved	CDBG: \$110,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2272 Persons Assisted
7	Economic Development	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Binghamton	Economic Revitalization	CDBG: \$163,000	Jobs created/retained: 15 Jobs Businesses assisted: 2 Businesses Assisted

**Table 6 – Goals Summary**

## Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Increase Owner Occupied Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	This goal will be accomplished by funding the Binghamton Homeownership Academy through Metro Interfaith. In addition funding is being set aside to provide City seniors with minor to moderate repairs on their homes. The First Time Homebuyer program administered by the Housing department will provide funds to assist income eligible households with new homes in the city and the related HOME rehabilitation program along with the lead paint program will help repair and rehabilitate owner occupied housing units.
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Blight Reduction
	<b>Goal Description</b>	This goal will be accomplished by providing funding to the Code Enforcement Department to inspect and enforce building codes in lower income and blighted areas. Money will also be allocated through the HOME CHDO set aside for rental rehabilitation. Demolition activities, including engineering expenses, will decrease the number of vacant and dangerous building in the City. Finally, money will go into crime prevention to provide additional security in low income residential neighborhoods and parks.
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Reduce/Prevent Homelessness
	<b>Goal Description</b>	ESG funds will go towards assisting the running and potential expansion of homeless shelters and services in the area. Funds will also be used to provide homeless prevention services for those at risk of homelessness and for providing funds to enable the homeless to transition from shelter to their own housing. Finally, a portion of funds will be used to provide HMIS services. Through HUD's emphasis on Housing First, this goal may go hand-in-hand with Goal 1 through putting people into new homes, or Goal 2 through the creation of new quality rental units.
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Improve Infrastructure
	<b>Goal Description</b>	This goal will be accomplished by providing funding to the Department of Public Works and the Parks Department for the replacement or modernization of public utilities and facilities. A standardized percentage of costs will also be provided to the Engineering Department to oversee these activities.

5	<b>Goal Name</b>	Improve Transportation & Accessibility
	<b>Goal Description</b>	This goal will be accomplished by providing funds to reconstruct streets where needed, or to provide for milling and paving of eligible areas. It will also cover the costs to provide engineering services for these activities.
6	<b>Goal Name</b>	Provide Service Activities
	<b>Goal Description</b>	This goal will be accomplished by providing funds for various non-profits to provide services that affect special needs populations, including, but not limited to, lower income youth, seniors, and the disabled. In addition, the City has identified that the national heroin epidemic has become a local problem and will utilize funds to address this matter.
7	<b>Goal Name</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Goal Description</b>	This goal will be accomplished by providing funding to the Binghamton Local Development Corporation to provide low interest loans to small business with the requirement that they create jobs for low income people. The BLDC will also provide marketing and technical assistance for businesses within the community in accordance with HUD regulations.

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

The City will release RFPs in the fall for both the public services goals and the homeless goals for the upcoming city fiscal year (January 1st to December 31st). This will allow agencies in the community to submit their plans on utilizing entitlement money. For ESG funds, the Homeless Coalition is utilized as a source for creation of the homeless specific RFP and the selection of awarded agencies. Although many of the agencies who submit ESG activities are part of the Homeless Coalition, the overall group's input is utilized to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest. All submitted activities are evaluated by the Community Development Advisory Council, along with public feedback, and then recommendations are submitted to the Mayor's Office and the City Council prior to final approval.

Certain activities, due to the nature of the activities, are done through either formal bid, such as multi-year lead testing contracts. Some, due to unique capabilities and/or past working relationships such as with Metro Interfaith and First Ward Action Council, are directly assigned to agencies.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	FY44 CDBG/ Administration
2	FY44 CDBG/Planning and Design
3	FY44 CDBG/ Economic Development
4	FY44 CDBG/Housing
5	FY44 CDBG/Code Enforcement
6	FY44 CDBG/Public Infrastructure
7	FY44 CDBG/Demolition
8	FY44 CDBG/Human Services
9	FY44 CDBG/Section 108 Loan Payments
10	FY44 ESG/City of Binghamton
11	FY44 HOME/Administration
12	FY44 HOME/Rehabilitation
13	FY44 HOME/CHDO Set-aside

**Table 7 - Project Information**

**Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs**

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

<b>1</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY44 CDBG/ Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$151,000
	<b>Description</b>	Salaries and contractual services for administering the CDBG program.
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	As it is the first year of the Fair Housing training, mestaimes are that at least 200 householdes will benefit.
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Salary and benefit for Grants Adminstrator, including overtime, stipend for CDAC members, reimbursement for related contractual, legal, and financial activities. The City will also continue to fund a Fair Housing educational outreach program to inform landlords and renters of their rights and responsibilities.
<b>2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY44 CDBG/Planning and Design
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$78,115
	<b>Description</b>	Salaries and contractual services for general planning activities, including mapping services.
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	



	<b>Planned Activities</b>	In addition to meeting goals and projects identified in the City's Comprehensive Plan, this funding line will allow the City to consolidate and define its accessibility regulations to ensure maximum resident use of City facilities and City funded activities
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY44 CDBG/ Economic Development
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Binghamton
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Economic Revitalization
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$163,000
	<b>Description</b>	Salaries for Binghamton Local Development Corporation (BLDC) to administer CDBG revolving business loans and counsel local businesses.
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Lower income families throughout the City
	<b>Location Description</b>	Target areas for businesses will include, but are not limited to, the Main Street corridor, especially on the West Side of the City. That area borders on and serves several lower income neighborhoods.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The BLDC administers a revolving loan program that provides low interest loans to businesses that promise to hire or retain employees from lower income households. In addition, the BLDC provides outreach and technical assistance to commercial activities located in lower income areas
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY44 CDBG/Housing
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Binghamton
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increase Owner Occupied Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homeownership
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$418,000
	<b>Description</b>	CDBG program housing projects and delivery including program delivery, senior housing repairs, lead risk assessments for property rehabilitation, funding for homeownership training, closing cost assistance, and other contractual services required for rehab and/or home purchases.

	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately seventy lower income seniors will be assisted with minor home repairs. Service programs will be predominately lower income, whereas direct loans, such as through First Time Homebuyer, will be limited to lower income households.
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Senior Housing Repair Program, Homeownership Academy, Lead Risk Assessment Program, First Time Homebuyer Program.
<b>5</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY44 CDBG/Code Enforcement
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Binghamton
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Blight Reduction
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Blight Reduction
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$250,000
	<b>Description</b>	Code enforcement activities, the majority of which occur in low-mod areas and neighborhoods.
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 1,320 lower income households will be assisted.
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Responding to Code Violation calls from renters and/or neighbors. Assisting individuals with bringing properties into compliance with local and State building requirements.
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY44 CDBG/Public Infrastructure
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Binghamton
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Blight Reduction Improve Infrastructure Improve Transportation & Accessibility
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Blight Reduction Fix Public Utilities and Facilities Improve Transportation

	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$379,000
	<b>Description</b>	Includes replacement of roads and utilities, milling and paving, and park capital improvements. Also includes delivery and additional costs associated with each activity as well as delivery costs for demolition activities.
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities will serve residents throughout the city.
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Expected activities to include several street milling and paving projects in predominantly LMI residential areas. Street improvements may also include sidewalk replacements and/or utility replacements. Additional activities will include capital improvements to parks and other permitted public buildings such as bathroom upgrades, new equipment installation, or aesthetic improvements. All parks assisted must have a service area that serves predominately LMI residential neighborhoods. Costs include the engineering and architectural oversight of projects.
7	<b>Project Name</b>	FY44 CDBG/Demolition
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Binghamton
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Blight Reduction
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Blight Reduction
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,000
	<b>Description</b>	Demolition, site clearance, and all related costs of buildings deemed to be unsafe.
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Identified properties must be determined by Code Enforcement to be dangerous. Currently habitated properties will not be demoished until residents are relocated. Properties will be tested for asbestos and cleared per NY State requirements. Demolitions and post demolition cleanups will follow and include air monitoring to meet all Federal and State requiements
8	<b>Project Name</b>	FY44 CDBG/Human Services
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Binghamton
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Blight Reduction Provide Service Activities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Blight Reduction Services for the Underserved
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$204,237
	<b>Description</b>	Includes extra services targeted towards specific groups as well as crime prevention activities such as overtime for extra LMI neighborhood patrols or additional park rangers in city parks
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	A broad swath of the community will be served: from youth, to seniors, to the disabled.
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Activities will be broad in scope but will include activities to reduce crime in lower income areas and parks, assistance to potential or existing homeowners to improve their financial priorities, and direct financial assisatnce to local non-profit agencies to expand or improve their programs that serve the community.
9	<b>Project Name</b>	FY44 CDBG/Section 108 Loan Payments
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$179,475
	<b>Description</b>	Repayment to HUD for the Section 108 Loan

	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY44 ESG/City of Binghamton
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Binghamton
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Reduce/Prevent Homelessness
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Eliminate Homelessness
	<b>Funding</b>	ESG: \$154,562
	<b>Description</b>	Project for the usage of ESG funds
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Over 350 households who are homeless or at risk of homelessness
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	In addition to administrative costs, ESG funds will be used to address the five categories of eligible activities as detailed by HUD for ESG funds – Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-Housing, and HMIS. Reflective of recommendations made by the local Continuum of Care and subject to the definition and documentation requirements identified by HUD’s “Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing: Defining ‘Homeless’” Final Rule and “Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing: Emergency Solutions Grant Program and Consolidated Plan Conforming Amendments” Interim Rule, the City will distribute these funds according to homeless agency needs to reduce homelessness in the City. The City is committed to the usage of funds to be used mainly for the purposes of assisting people to go from situations of homelessness in all its definitions to permanent and sustainable housing situations.
	<b>11</b>	
	<b>Project Name</b>	FY44 HOME/Administration

	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$42,924
	<b>Description</b>	
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Administration and inspection activities
<b>12</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY44 HOME/Rehabilitation
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Binghamton
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increase Owner Occupied Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homeownership
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$317,651
	<b>Description</b>	Single family rehab program
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Eight lower income households
	<b>Location Description</b>	
<b>13</b>	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Lead inspection and removal as well as rehabilitation of single family owner occupied housing
	<b>Project Name</b>	FY44 HOME/CHDO Set-aside
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Binghamton
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Blight Reduction Reduce/Prevent Homelessness

	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Blight Reduction Eliminate Homelessness
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$200,000
	<b>Description</b>	CHDOs receiving funding must be certified and meet all HOME requirements for proposed projects.
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately three lower income tenants will be assisted.
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Creation and rehabilitation of rental housing.

## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

### **Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed**

The City wishes to maintain a comprehensive, city-wide plan instead of targeting specific locations. All activities must meet LMI eligibility requirements where required by HUD.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
City of Binghamton	100

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

The City wishes to maintain a comprehensive, city-wide plan instead of targeting specific locations. All activities must meet LMI eligibility requirements where required by HUD.

### **Discussion**



## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

The City does not run a public housing or Section 8 program. Those are done through the Binghamton Housing Authority, an independent agency. The City also does not use HOME funds for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). HOME funds can provide assistance to agencies such as CHDOs to provide affordable decent rental units. The ESG program provides services to prevent those in danger of homelessness to remain in their units via rental assistance and to also provide funds for those who are homeless to lease a new rental unit.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	110
Non-Homeless	89
Special-Needs	0
Total	199

**Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	85
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	79
Acquisition of Existing Units	10
Total	174

**Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type**

#### Discussion

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

The overall goal of the PHA is to provide as much high-quality necessary public housing in excellent condition as it can.

### **Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing**

The PHA plans on increasing the quality of its units, reduce vacancies, expand its voucher landlord base, find additional funding, and to improve the safety of its residents.

### **Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership**

The PHA plans to promote employment amongst its residents when possible. It also plans on seeking services that will allow the elderly or disabled more independence. As sources of funding become available, the City will outreach to PHA staff and it's residents to involve them, along with other affected neighbors, to renovate the area in a way that meets the resident's needs and wishes.

### **If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance**

The PHA is not designated as "troubled".

### **Discussion**

## **AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)**

### **Introduction**

**Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including**

**Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

The City will release an RFP in the Fall seeking applications from homeless service providers. These funds will be split along Emergency Shelter/Street Outreach and Rapid Re-housing/Homeless Prevention services in order to meet HUD cap requirements. The local Continuum of Care will be notified when the RFPs are released and will be involved with the selection and award of ESG funds.

**Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

The City will release an RFP in the Fall seeking applications from homeless service providers. These funds will be split along Emergency Shelter/Street Outreach and Rapid Re-housing/Homeless Prevention services in order to meet HUD requirements. The local Continuum of Care will be notified when the RFPs are released and will be involved with the selection and award of ESG funds.

**Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again**

The City will release an RFP in the Fall seeking applications from homeless service providers. These funds will be split along Emergency Shelter/Street Outreach and Rapid Re-housing/Homeless Prevention services in order to meet HUD requirements. The local Continuum of Care will be notified when the RFPs are released and will be involved with the selection and award of ESG funds.

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.**

The City will release an RFP in the Fall seeking applications from homeless service providers. These funds will be split along Emergency Shelter/Street Outreach and Rapid Re-housing/Homeless Prevention services in order to meet HUD requirements. The local Continuum of Care will be notified when the RFPs are released and will be involved with the selection and award of ESG funds.

### **Discussion**

The City is not a recipient of HOPWA funds.

## **AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)**

### **Introduction:**

Most public policies that have an effect on the affordability of housing have little to do with City policies. CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds are used and do directly affect people's affordability of housing by providing assistance for housing rehabilitation or through providing assistance to those at risk of homelessness by providing temporary rental assistance. Beyond essentially providing funds that residents would not be able to afford on their own that may affect affordability, much of the rest is in the hands of state and federal limitations and regulations that add extra overhead costs to private and public projects.

### **Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment**

Tax policies that make it difficult to afford homes are somewhat reduced by using HUD and other grant funds to offset the required taxes to run the city where possible. For example, school taxes are outside the purview of the City as a municipality, and little can be done for those other than to funnel funds into youth programs that may offset school taxes.

The City will run a lead risk assessment program for rehab projects and that can help alleviate lead paint issues homeowners may have when it comes to repairing their homes.

### **Discussion:**

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

#### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The City will provide funds to "human service" programs run through local non-profits. The City will encourage non-profits to apply for funding and will judge applicants based on the program's impacts for the underserved.

#### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

The City will continue to fund the administration of the First Time Homebuyer program and fully fund the owner occupied rehabilitation programs. The HOME CHDO set aside will address rental unit rehabilitation. The City will also continue to fund programs through area non-profits to provide the homeownership academy and senior housing rehabilitation programs. All of these will help to maintain and improve affordable housing in the area.

#### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

The City will continue to run its lead paint assessment program in tangent with its housing rehabilitation program.

#### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The City will continue to fund economic development activities to decrease the unemployment rate.

#### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

City representatives will monitor all agencies receiving CDBG, ESG, and HOME funding during the year to ensure that all activities meet HUD requirements on reporting and financial responsibility.

#### **Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies**

The City is working on a Language Assistance Plan (LAP) that will bring together non-profit service agencies and municipal agencies to develop a communication access plan for all City-run and City funded programs. Understanding that there is a close connection between fair housing issues and communication issues, the City is encouraging agencies that can bridge the gap between cultural and economic groups and provide outreach and education programs that are identified through the LAP and Fair Housing Study as needed to submit applications for CDBG funding. Programs such as fair housing

education courses for tenant and landlords, English classes, and translation and communication services, may all be potentially viable under the human service program funding as identified in the plan.

**Discussion:**

## Program Specific Requirements

### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction:

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	23,830
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>23,830</b>

#### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	73.74%



**HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)**  
**Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)**

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

The City receives New York State Affordable Housing Corporation funds to help shore up its home rehab program.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

HOME funds will not be used for home purchase activities, only for rehab.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

HOME funds will not be used for home purchase activities, only for rehab.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

CHDOs perform multi-family rental unit rehabilitation. Liens and restrictive covenants are placed on the properties to ensure that HUD regulations are followed in regard to rental costs and LMI requirements.

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**  
**Reference 91.220(l)(4)**

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

Please see attached Emergency Solutions Grants Program Written Standards. This will be updated this year in time with the local CoC's Written Standards update and activation of the Coordinated Entry System.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The Coordinated Entry System has been implemented and is in use. Individuals with questions about homelessness are directed to the 211 system which directs individuals to dedicated

Coordinated Entry agents. These agents ask pertinent questions and begin the individual entrance into the HMIS system. The CES group coordinates with the local agencies to determine the best fit for individuals experiencing or potentially experiencing homelessness.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

RFPs will be released in the Fall. Eligible homeless agencies will be required to submit applications indicating the need for funding and their ability to meet the matching requirement. Awards will be based on project utilization, performance, and monitoring data as represented by recommendations received from the local Continuum of Care.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The City pays a license for and utilizes the HMIS system run by Fairview Recovery Services, the lead agency for ShelterNet. In addition, there is a City representative that acts as a voting party at monthly Continuum of Care meetings and sits on the CoC financial and information subcommittees.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The update to the Written Standards includes new performance measurements that will be implemented soon. The City strives for a 100% reduction in homelessness and was one of the first to respond to the national call for the elimination of homeless veterans.

## Attachments

## Citizen Participation Comments

PUBLIC HEARING 3/19/2018

### COMMUNITY FEEDBACK TRANSCRIPT

TARIK ABDELAZIM: Good evening, thank you for hosting this, uh, public forum and soliciting community feedback on next year's entitlement grant. <aside conversation> Uh, my name is Tarik Abdelazim. I live on the south side of Binghamton, a homeowner, and as the former director of planning, housing, and community development have a lot of experience working with these funds. Uh, I, I wanted to present to you two different things. Uh, one is kind of some budget scenarios, and the second is a letter I had distributed to the C-D-A-C last, uh, April. And I believe that some of you who were on there had thought that it was- it came a bit too late in the process, but that it was worth discussing, maybe in December. I don't know if the uh issues were ever taken up. But, I'll just get to kind of the crux of my recommendations, and that is that we are currently spending over fifty percent of this community development block grant on city staff, personnel costs, salary, and expenses. Uh, and I strongly encourage the C-D-A-C to start transferring all of those personnel costs out of the community development block grant primarily for two reasons. One is that we know that the current administration for the second year in a row has proposed eliminating this program altogether. Obviously to much dismay of Republican and Dem-, Democratic mayors. But I believe that he is going to have success in cutting this program. And so, it would be prudent and fiscally responsible for the administration to start thinking about moving these costs over into the general fund in order to maintain the same level of services. Two, we know that the need is great in the community and it is increasing, particularly around addiction but there is no question we have incredibly high rates of childhood poverty, hunger, we have serious housing issues and challenges with substandard rental properties. All of these are activities that would fall under key objectives of this program. The third thing is that the city is probably in its greatest financial health that it has been in decades. And I bet that if you were to measure the general fund balance as a ratio of the general fund budget, Binghamton is probably the top three in all of New York State. Uh, the Two Thousand Sixteen audit, so there was one amendment and update to that letter I sent last year and it's in red and that is that the general fund balance at the end of Two Thousand Sixteen according to the most recent audit released just a few months ago is basically twenty million dollars. So why are we covering personnel costs for human resource director, personnel expenses in the law department, in the finance department, in engineering department, right? With this, with this critical funding source that should support the most distressed neighborhoods and those who are in most need in our community. Right, it just doesn't make sense. So, my suggestion is that, you know, it is always easier to kind of engage some numbers that you have. So, in that front page I listed five different options, from do nothing to a full elimination of all personnel costs in your proposed budget. Even if you were to take a moderate transition, it would free up over three hundred thousand dollars that you could then commit to eligible activities. I think those who have been her last year you saw how maybe the allocation across the human service programs was maybe a bit political. I'll stay diplomatic. But frustrating, because you all put a lot of time into figuring out who should get those dollars. If you look at the total amount that was requested last year was a hundred and eighty nine thousand, you could have funded all of those. You can next year, and more if you make even just some of these small gestures. Right, so what was actually allocated was about a hundred and one thousand, right, but you can actually commit fifteen percent of your total budget towards human service agencies. So that equates to about two hundred and fifty eight thousand. Again, you could have covered all of the requests and actually challenged the community to come up with more cross-sector collaborations.

Now I know that one of the refrain in the past, I want to be obvious and and very transparent. We did this in the past. We used this to cover personnel costs, and I lay that out. I am not playing politics here, is that we did that in the context in which the city was basically on the verge of bankruptcy and we were facing serious financial challenges that had been a practice going on for decades, but in my last few years I started to move personnel costs, and in my last year I moved every position to the general fund to allow this group to finally do what it would want to do, which is, you know what, we're not going to pay the city a hundred thousand for finances and legal, we're only going to give you fifty. It makes it much easier. So, I encourage you to have very non-partisan constructive dialogue, but there is no question that the needs in our community are strong. There's no question that we are in incredibly strong financial position in the city. That these costs can be absorbed, particularly if they are done in a moderate phased-in approach, and I think your responsibility is not what happens to the general fund and in October, it's whether or not these dollars, precious dollars, are going to activities consistent with the program objectives and you have a great chance to, I think, make Binghamton's reputation as a fiscal, as a strong fiscal steward to use these dollars even better. Thank you.

## Citizen Participation Comments

PUBLIC HEARING 5/7/2018

### COMMUNITY FEEDBACK TRANSCRIPT

TARIK ABDELAZIM: How's everybody doing? Good, Tarik Abdelazim, Seventeen Tremont, Binghamton. Uh so few comments. One uh you're supposed to start off with a nice thing right? So one Steve just passed me this budget I want to commend him for providing you a lot of guidance on mins-max and I know that this will get filled out now that you know your actual entitlement. Uh but I think that there's a lot of great detail here that can guide you all in your final deliberations. Um as a as a comment I would say that, uh, that the Mayor has certainly knows how to use social media and traditional media when he wants a photo op, um, when a project is funded by C-D-B-G. But yet when there's activities that are soliciting community feedback there's nothing. Nothing on the city's Facebook page, no press release issued. Uh it was the bare minimum, um, that there was a notice: a legal ad placed in, in the newspaper. I think that we can do better than a legal ad. And, so I hope that going forward, uh, you push the Mayor's office to try to encourage as much community input as possible. Uh third thing I would comment is that I know I have provided a lot of of detail in the last public hearing hopefully providing you all some guidance about what would it mean to reduce personnel expenses by ten percent, by twenty percent, by fifty percent, um, and I know that you haven't made your recommendations yet. Um, but I hope that that is a very substantive conversation, uh, as I mentioned before the city is absolutely flush: nearly twenty million dollars in the general fund reserves. I'm certain that this is the time that we restore fiscal integrity to all of our individual enterprise funds, including C-D-B-G and HOME. This is a great opportunity. What that means of course is that you are also driving initial investments into neighborhoods that have been traditionally underserved and investing in people through human service programs when the need in our community is obviously very great. The good news is that, uh, you all got word that you got about a hundred and seventy, maybe up to two hundred thousand dollars, of additional funds to appropriate. As I mentioned before I think that we are underfunding the human services, uh, the allocation that was if you looked at just what was granted towards the human service agencies: less than about seven percent when you can commit fifteen percent. Um, I see that the homeownership academy, youth program, and park rangers were included under human services which, the best thing about C-D-B-G is you can be flexible in your interpretation, I wouldn't necessarily put all those there, um, but you have some additional funds. And there is no question that we have mental health needs in this community, we have substance abuse challenges, um, we have a great deal of poverty, we have youth that should be employed during the summer instead of left to their own devices which often leads to negative activity, right? There are a lot of great partners out there if you challenge them and provide them additional funds and I think that this would again be a great, uh, activity in order to drive some of those funds. Finally I would just ask that as you go forward, uh, that you itemize the allocations for public infrastructure and parks improvement, right? I mean there's a lot of funny business that can be done with those in our facilities. C-D-B-G funds are not allowed to be used for routine maintenance of our public facilities so I would encourage you all if it's not routine maintenance then obviously there is a plan, right? And I know Bill Barber is outstanding with planning, uh, and I would encourage you all to demand that there is an itemization as to where a hundred thousand dollars in parks improvement is going, as well as a hundred seven thousand. If it's just mill and pave you don't have to name the streets I understand that's a challenge that engineering has to deal with mill and pave. But if its pub- if its parks what's it going to be invested in our parks and where? Uh, those are my comments, I just want to appreciate you all for again finding the opportunity

for all of the community to provide guidance. I wish you the best of luck. Uh, my last comment would be is: you are an advisory body. Don't let anyone take that role from you. Uh, so I hope than when the funding budget does go to the council that you keep your recommendation in that final document and present it to council, so that the council and the public can see where the differences were in this body that spent months engaging all the stakeholders and then the administration that might have chose differently.

Thank you

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# Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4801-004  
Expirable Date: 10/31/2016

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9. Applicant Information:			
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h. Zip:		i. Organization:	
j. Country:		k. Phone:	
l. Fax:		m. E-mail:	
n. Organizational Unit:			
o. Department Name:		p. Division Name:	
q. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:			
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16. Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions:	

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
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18. Applicant: B-1-2-3-4	19. Project Title: B-1-2-3-4
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32. Program Income:	33. TOTAL: 1,000,000.00
34. Is Application Subject to Review by State Under Executive Order 13172 Process?	
35. a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 13172 Process for review or	
36. b. Program is subject to E.O. 13172 but has not been selected by the State for review.	
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38. Is the Applicant Eligible Under Any Federal Law? If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.	
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40. If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.	
41. By signing this application, I certify that the statements contained in this "Statement of Work" are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances and agree to comply with any reporting requirements in accordance with the terms and conditions of the award. I also provide the required assurances and agree to comply with any reporting requirements in accordance with the terms and conditions of the award.	
42. I AGREE	
43. The list of certifications and assurances, or an internal site review, is attached to this application.	
44. Authorized Representative:	
45. Name:	46. Title:
47. Signature:	48. Date:
49. Title:	50. Date:
51. Telephone Number: (000) 000-0000	52. Fax Number: (000) 000-0000
53. Email: 000@000.000.000.000	54. Date: 05/21/2018
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